

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-4. (cancelled)

5. (new) A method for providing a programmable amplification for a signal, the method comprising:

- dividing the signal to be amplified into a plurality of signals;
- coupling each of the divided signals into an amplifier circuit having a power source;
- enabling a selected amplifier to select a programmable gain; and
- removing the power source from a plurality of non-selected amplifiers.

- 6. (new) The method as in claim 5, wherein the removing of the power source from the plurality of non-selected amplifiers comprises disconnecting ground connection from the plurality of the non-selected amplifiers.
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7. (new) The method as in claim 5, wherein removing the power source from the plurality of non-selected amplifiers comprises disconnecting a power supply connection from the plurality of non-selected amplifiers.